

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a system and method for configuring and managing networked communication systems. For example, an exemplary system and/or method according to one embodiment uses an information model to map between normalized representations of different network resources having different features. Moreover, the information model can represent different devices, different programming models, and/or different functionalities in a common representation, which is then used to configure and manage different network elements (e.g., different devices).